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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF LIVE ELECTRONIC COUNTER-COUNTERMEASURES)ECCM)
TRAINING FOR ACE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM
REF: SACEUR 080950Z DEC 75 (NOTAL)

1. LIVE ECCM TRAINING FOR THE ACE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM MOVED ONE
STEP CLOSER TO REALIZATION ON 19 DEC 75 WHEN PARTICIPATING
NATIONS APPROVED THE CONCEPT FOR CONDUCTING A NATO-FUNDED TRIAL
TRAINING PROGRAM (REF).

2. AIMS OF THE TRIAL ARE TO EVOLVE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR A FULL
TRAINING PROGRAM, TO PERFORM AN ENGINEERING EVALUATION TO PERFECT
SUCH A PROGRAM, AND TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ASSESSING
THE COST OF MOUNTING A FULL PROGRAM.

3. UNDER THE CONCEPT, SHAPE PROPOSES THE ALLOCATION OF TASK
HOURS FOR EW AIRCRAFT REGIONALLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTHERN REGION,
22 HOURS; CENTRAL REGION, 78 HOURS; SOUTHERN REGION, 45
HOURS; AND UK AIR DEFENSE REGION, 30 HOURS. NATIONS HAVE
OFFERED SERVICES OF FOLLOWING TYPES NATIONAL EW AIRCRAFT:
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UK CANBERRA T-17, USAF EB-57, USN EA-6B, AND ITALY PD808.
REPRESENTATIVE INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ACE
AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WILL BE TARGETTED.

4. WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT, SHAPE WILL NOW DEVELOP ITS DETAILED PLANS. THE TRIAL PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE PERIOD APRIL - JUNE 1976. SHAPE EXPECTS TO PROVIDE INITIAL EVALUATIONS ONE WEEK AFTER EACH TRAINING EXERCISE, WITH FINAL EVALUATION OF THE TRIAL PROGRAM BY LATE SUMMER 1976.

5. SHAPE PROPOSES TO USE THE NATO-FUNDED BUDGET OF BF TWENTY MILLION ONLY TO MEET COSTS OF HIRING SPECIALIST EW AIRCRAFT TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURE (ECM). ALL OTHER PARTICIPATION WOULD BE COVERED BY EXISTING NATO AND NATIONAL BUDGETS. SHAPE WILL WELCOME NATIONAL OFFERS TO PROVIDE AT NO COST AS MANY ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT AS POSSIBLE FOR USE AS QUIET TARGETS AND TO INCREASE THE ECM MASS.

6. SHAPE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED US AUTHORITIES WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION OF US SPECIALIZED EW AIRCRAFT AND THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING ANALYSIS SUPPORT.
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